

Satter, Raphael

From: Rinat Friedman [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2019 14:51
To: Satter, Raphael
Cc: Shalev Hulio; Federman, Josef; Zamir Dahbash
Subject: Re: Hello from Raphael at AP

Hi Raphael,

Here's NSO response:

NSO had absolutely nothing to do with this incident - either directly or indirectly. Furthermore, we did not hire Black Cube or anyone else to investigate Citizen Lab's activities and we did not ask any person or organization to hire Black Cube or any other person or firm to investigate Citizen Lab. Any suggestion to the contrary is factually incorrect and nothing more than baseless speculation.

We are already quite familiar with Citizen Lab's shoddy "research" and its philosophical opposition to our working helping intelligence agencies fight terrorism and crime.

Rinat

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ב-25 בינואר 2019, בשעה 15:36, Satter, Raphael <RSatter@ap.org> כתב/ה:

Thanks!

From: Rinat Friedman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 8:33:23 AM
To: Satter, Raphael
Cc: Shalev Hulio; Federman, Josef
Subject: Re: Hello from Raphael at AP

Hi Raphael,

We'll get back to you soon.

Rinat

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ב-25 בינואר 2019, בשעה 15:22, Satter, Raphael <RSatter@ap.org> כתב/ה:

Dear Rinat and Shalev,

I know Joe has been in touch a little earlier but I wanted to follow up.

Citizen Lab has been targeted by a group of undercover operatives, one of whom at least appears to be an Israeli. Both attempted to lure Citizen Lab employees to meetings with the apparent hope of secretly recording them saying compromising things. We'll be publishing something on this shortly.

What's particularly interesting is that the two undercover operatives who spoke to Citizen Lab employees tried to quiz them in detail about the NSO Group. In fact, the NSO Group and its relationship to the Khashoggi slaying appeared to be a major focus of the undercover operatives' work.

In light of questions the operatives asked, and the timing of the operations, I wanted to ask whether you had anything to do with this operation.

In particular:

1. Did NSO (and its related companies) commission, either directly or indirectly (i.e. via a law firm, a DC lobbying group, a consultancy or any other intermediary) an investigation or opposition research with regard to Citizen Lab?
2. Did NSO (and its related companies) have anything to do, directly or indirectly, with the undercover operations at the Peninsula Hotel (NYC) on January 24 or the Shangri-La Hotel (Toronto) on December 18?
3. Has NSO (and its related companies) ever had any business dealings with Black Cube, either directly or indirectly? Has NSO ever had business dealings with any other such private investigations firm?

Given the effort and expense the undercover operatives appear to have gone through to gather intelligence about Citizen Lab's work on NSO, I think you can understand why we'd need some on-the-record answers to the questions above.

Raphael

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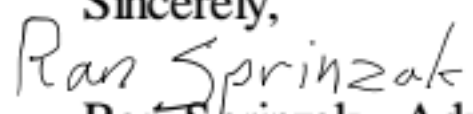
To
Michael Hudson
Investigations Editor
Via e-mail

Dear Sir,

Re: Defamation regarding NSO

On behalf of my client, NSO Group Technologies Ltd., I hereby address you as follows:

1. My client was addressed today by Mr. Raphael Satter of The Associated Press ("AP"). Mr. Satter raised certain claims regarding an alleged involvement of my client in an investigation against The Citizen Lab of the University of Toronto ("CL").
2. My Client wishes to inform you that it has nothing to do with any investigation against CL, and it is not involved, directly or indirectly, in any such investigation.
3. If AP publishes anything stating, suggesting or insinuating in any manner that my client is involved in any investigation against CL, this may cause grave damage to my client, to which AP – and any person involved in the publication – will be held responsible for its blatant disregard of the facts.
4. In light of the above, my client demands that you refrain from making any such offensive publication. My client further informs you that if you do make any such publication, it will have no choice but to take all legal action available to fully protect its rights.
5. Nothing in this letter shall be construed to prejudice any of my client's rights, claims or remedies.

Sincerely,

Ran Sprinzak, Adv.